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Editorial Department.

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The Dollar Barricade.

What is the real value of a dollar? In France they will say it is worth 5 francs, in England 4 shillings, etc. Further we find that its value is not staple, but that it fluctuates with the price of gold. Thus we can readily see that the dollar value is just what man has designed it to be, and is the medium through which he obtains a livelihood. In other words the human being has builded about himself a barricade of pennies, centimes, shillings and dollars, so formidable that the comforts and luxuries of life, yes, even the means of a bare subsistence must reach him over this obstruction behind which he has ensconced himself.

Just think of it! Starvation in a world full of abundant harvests of all kinds of food products. Think of it, naked and cold in a world where man can weave fabrics of warmth, elegance and beauty in unlimited quantities.

Man's Godlike Genius has created many forms and varieties of supplies for his necessities, comforts and luxuries; his evil genius has devised a system which ordains that only through one way shall he obtain them. This system is the outgrowth of ages of ignorant clanish spirit of animal greed, which dominates his religions as well, for they deny life eternal to any creature except through their "way"—and we are told, that even absolution from willful sin may be bought with a price, if large enough.

Man's dictum is not Almighty Good, but the Almighty Dollar; he thinks that soul aspirations are unable to provide food, raiment and shelter without barter and exchange.

There is, however, a ray of light penetrating man's darkened abode which is wakening his reason to grasp this stupendous fact, and to realize that the class of humans to whom the dollar values are the most im-

portant factors in life, belong body and soul to the serfdom of earth. Toil, fear and strife attend them; the galley slaves of olden times were no more bondsmen than are they.

The awakened consciousness also realizes that a soul filled with a pure desire for the good of all is then free to receive the abundance of nature's supply from all where.

The birds, flowers, the lion and the lamb are nourished and clothed according to the laws of their existence; but man, having dominion over all the earth, limits his supplies to what can reach him over his dollar barricade.

He is still chained to the galleys of ignorance of the laws of supply, and demand; but the sea of progress rolls onward, bearing its errant hosts to the shores of Universal Wisdom, where abides Universal Good.

It has been scientifically demonstrated that there is more power for physical regeneration in true soul aspirations for healing of the nations than in all the drugs in the apothecaries of the earth. Pure, unalloyed, concentrated aspiring desire for Peace and Plenty on earth opens sluiceways through which may come outpourings of courage and abundance.

History proves this statement, scientific facts supply the evidence to the doubtful. But they should put the law to the test for themselves; cease fearing they will lose their grip on their possessions, and let the tide of a pure desire for all good, which is health and abundance, flow through the consciousness a few times each day, trying to realize what beneficence this desire unfolds like a radiant vista before the inhabitants of the earth, and know that through the laws governing purified desire, are men's puny fabrications transmuted into consecrated shrines through which showers of blessings are poured. Through this law

dollars may attract where once they repelled, for they have been consecrated to the pure purpose of the All Good.

We request any reader who is interested in this subject to breathe deep each night before closing the eyes in sleep, and say, mentally, "My soul desires health for the sick and abundance for the needy ones of earth." Upon waking in the morning take up the refrain with rhythmic breathing; think of the abundance of nature's supply as you partake of your food, and if you are sincere you will experience a sense of freedom that will never be lost in all your experience, for the law of abundant life will flow with you and bear you to a higher plane of existence, where all things work together for good to them that love and obey the law.

The Victory.

Written for Stellar Ray by
MARGARET DYKE-MALLORY.

"Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days be dark and dreary."

Some days, we to heights aspire
Triumphant, and filled with a fire
To achieve, grasp, hold for our own
The sublimer life, our dreams have shown.

Again, 'tis on the downward slope,
Through darkness, our spirits grope.
Forgot, the splendid thrill,
The high hope, the sun on hill.

Yet, fired by hope's resistless desire,
Unrealized heights
Daunt not the spirit's pace
To climb, inhabit, face
All opposing armies of doubt and fear.

To win the shield, and wear,
With love, the trophies, to stand supreme
Where truth, beauty, power point the way
Upward from that dark day.

Look Not Backward.

Dear hearts, who have traveled through shadows

So dark that it seemed all was night,
As you groped your way onward with ever
A prayer in your heart for the light,

Keep your faces straight forward, if ever
You turn to look backward at Pain,
Past shadows will think you are beck'ning;
Then swift they rush onward again,
Once more in their arms to enfold you
With stifling, death-dealing embrace,
And with power that was given them only
By the sight of your backward-turned face.

Look forward, straight forward, dear comrades,

But also look to the "within"—
That something which men call soul, spirit,
Aye, God—and for you it will win
The things which before were but dreamed of,

Strength, happiness, pure joy of life,
And the calm that is like unto heaven,
After earth's restless strife.

—Fannie Herron Wingate.

In the Shadows.

Written for Stellar Ray by
PRUELLA JANET SHERMAN.

The Night drops down her long, enshrouding veil;

A strange illusion holds the senses deep in thrall,

While murmurs from the darkness softly wail.

Did some long-silenced voice from out the shadows call?

Oh voice, that in the one time thrill'd me so!

Oh tell me all the mystic shadows know!

Are there fair realms where we shall meet again,

And know each other as in those sweet, olden days?

Shall we our joys renew on some bright plane

Not comprehended now by our dull, earth-bound ways?

Oh friend, who in the one time cheered me so,

Lift up the shadow-veil, that I may know!

Editor "Stellar Ray":

In all my 25 years' psychic work along telepathic lines I've never met a grander or nobler expression of exalted love than that breathed in the message to O. A. Jenks from the spirit world and published in the

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By BENJAMIN WILLIAMS,

Vice-President of the National Astrological Society of the United States.

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In Stellar Ray of June last we published an article by Mr. Williams, on Vibration, which attracted the attention of our readers. Among them was a plenipotentiary from a foreign country to the U. S. Government at Washington, who wrote: "I notice with interest that your correspondent says, 'Thoughts too are now photographed, proving they have form and existence outside of the brain of the thinker.' I shall be extremely obliged if you would explain how this can be done."

We have requested Mr. Williams to answer this query in these pages.

"I hold it true that thoughts are things
Endowed with body, breath and wings,
And that we send them forth to fill
The world with good results—or ill.

That which we call our secret thought
Speeds to the earth's remotest spot,
And leaves its blessings or its woes,
Like tracks behind it as it goes."

The poet that penned the lines I have taken the liberty to quote has condensed in these two small stanzas a philosophy of life that at once embraces; both a scientific code of ethics, and what promises to become a New Religion.

Students of natural law, as exemplified by planetary influence, have long known that a New Religion is imminent. The sun entering the Aquarian cycle vibrates to a new key; a key of scientific truth and human wisdom; a key the intensity of whose vibrations will cause all religious dogmas to vanish into thin air, and all sacredotalisms to fall to the earth with a crash, never again to rise, until the glorious orb of day traverses the culminating point, and once more swings into the downward cyclic path.

The New Religion will be based on the bedrock of truth as demonstrated by the exact sciences, and it will raise its head a fitting monument to the intellectual grandeur of the highest race the earth has ever developed.

It should not be supposed that the New Religion, at its inception, will apprehend

all the laws and principles that constitute the true Wisdom Religion; rather will it begin on a small, but firm foundation; expanding and adding new truths as experience and necessity suggest. This basic structure, upon which our future as a people so vitally depends, is now being molded by the current progressive literature under the name of New Thought; the principal idea of this movement being to practice and teach the importance of right thinking.

While no one doubts the advisability of right thinking, few indeed realize the fearful results that follow an opposite method of procedure. Perhaps nothing so well illustrates to the average individual the effects of thought as the experiments conducted a number of years ago by Professor Elmer Gates, of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Professor Gates passed the breath of people undergoing various emotions through a tube cooled with ice, so as to condense the volatile qualities of the respiration, and then treated these with chemical re-agents to produce a precipitate. He found on analysis that where the patient was dominated by an evil emotion the respiration contained a volatile poison characteristic of that emotion. Using iodide of rhodopsin, there was no visible precipitate while the patient was in a normal condition, but within a few minutes after the patient became angry there was a brownish deposit. This compound, extracted and administered to men and animals, caused them to manifest similar excitement. Other emotions

subjected to the same process produced precipitates of different colors.

The result of these experiments show that agreeable thoughts and emotions generate chemical compounds in the system, that nourish and strengthen both the mind and the body, conducing to health and long life; on the other hand, malevolent thoughts and emotions generate poisonous compounds in the system, that ruin the mind and body as surely, though perhaps not so swiftly, as if the poison were administered by the deadly hand of the cowardly assassin.

Here we have not merely an interesting experiment illustrating psychological processes, but a scientific foundation upon which to erect our moral edifice. Let it be instilled into the mind of every man, woman and child that an evil thought will here, now, in this life, and upon this earth, leave its poisonous fumes to slowly stifle its producer, and we have taken one step towards solving the great social and moral problem. Let it become generally known that the most potent factor for success in this life consists of right thinking, and that our future condition in other realms, as taught by the exalted seers of all ages, depends largely upon this same issue, and we have the foundation for a True Religion.

The influence of our thoughts is not confined to the reaction upon ourselves. Their action may be either constructive or diffusive; and while it is true that they have an orbital motion, when once projected upon the etherial sea, they are also competent to produce results upon distant bodies in their flight. To thoroughly understand how this is possible it is necessary to study vibration and thought forms. In this connection, material science has come slightly to our aid by producing some remarkable photographs.

A valuable little book edited by W. Britton Harvey, entitled "Science and the Soul," which ably answers, "Has Immortality Been Proved?" in the affirmative; has for a frontispiece a reproduction of some thought photographs by Dr. Baraduc, the eminent nerve specialist of Paris; and I have asked the editor of "The Stellar Ray" to obtain a copy of them, to illustrate this article. While these photographs do not, by any means, exhaust the attainments of modern science in this direction, they give

some idea of what may be accomplished with more sensitive plates and improved appliances.

Quoting from the little book mentioned, in speaking of Dr. Baraduc, it says: "If thoughts are things he considered it should be possible to photograph them. He accordingly prepared a special apparatus, with an exceptionally sensitive plate attached, and under the most conclusive conditions obtained a series of strikingly distinct, and, in some cases, most beautiful pictures of these thought forces and emotions, as will be seen from the frontispiece to this little work."



A COLUMN OF PRAYER ASCENDING FROM THE EIFFEL TOWER. PARIS.

"These pictorial wonders were reproduced in the Illustrated London News some time ago, and their publication caused a great sensation in the scientific circles of Europe. One of these photographs represents a column of prayer. By arrangement with half a dozen devout persons a prayer meeting was held in an apartment at the top of Eiffel Tower. The special camera was arranged in position, and at a given moment Dr. Baraduc took the picture. The result was a very clear and impressive representation of the thoughts and aspirations of these intensely earnest souls arising like a column of incense as though ascending direct to the very throne of God. He has also taken good thoughts and bad thoughts of certain individuals, placid thoughts and stormy thoughts, and the pictures they produce are most remarkable—some beautiful

in their sweet and tranquilizing aspect, whilst others resemble a veritable mental typhoon, according to the humor of the subject at the time the photo was taken."

I will add that the pictures are taken in a dark room on dry plates, with or without a camera. The usual method of procedure is to wrap the plates in several thicknesses of black paper and hold them near the forehead, or above the head, of the subject. It was found on a number of occasions that where the subject would conjure up the image of some person or thing, and concentrate his mind upon it, a faint outline of the thing thought of would be reproduced on the sensitive plate. In this way a mother produced a delicate sketch of her dead boy, a man the picture of his favorite dog, and a woman a reproduction of her pet canary.



A WHIRLWIND OF ETHER.

Sad and Violent Thoughts as they Appear to the Camera.

Another remarkable photograph, though hardly relevant to the subject in hand, was Dr. Baraduc's photograph of a soul. He says: "Every human being has an palpable double, which reproduces his form, and which allows us to explain ghost stories and the phenomena of double sight. Call it soul, if you like, or astral body. I have photographed this ether double eighty hours after death. When my wife died I photographed a nebulous globe which escaped from her like a soul."

Commandant Darget, another scientist of Paris, proceeded along slightly different lines. He placed the blank side of a sheet

of paper, the other side of which had writing on, against a gelatino-bromide plate, wrapping the whole in both black and red paper and placing it against the forehead of some person for thirty minutes or an hour. The result was that the radiations from the subject's head often left a reproduction of the characters on the developed plate.

The experiments of Colonel Albert de Rochas along these lines are similar to those of Dr. Baraduc, and the results not less startling.

Thoughts are things, it cannot be doubted; things endowed with a power we little recognize, and who can tell, as the poem runs, to what far corner of the earth our secret thoughts may travel?

There is ample evidence to show the power of thought to heal the sick, to cheer the downhearted, and to warn those in danger, though oceans flow between, and who shall say that our pleasant thoughts and good wishes may not be bread cast upon the waters of life, yielding in return, perhaps a hundred, perhaps a thousandfold. And even if the yield is small, is it not far better to lighten our hearts by cheerful, hopeful, thoughts, than to steep body, mind and soul in rank poison? Then away! evil thoughts, away! I bid you adieu forever.

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Immortality.

BY VERNE DEWITT ROWELL.

Pluck from the flower but one blossom fair,
Knows not the plant that it is incomplete?

Ho, to the kisses of the summer air,
Another bud is born perfumed and sweet!

Each soul is an expression of Love's God,
The soul of throbbing universal sod;
And when one perishes and passes o'er,
The imperfection of his unity God feels,
And straightway He creates anew the life
that was before.

No atoning blood can save
From ignorance and crime;
"Save Thyself," is the decree
Put forth by the Divine.

—H. C. Hodges.

Stellar Science Department

Influence of the Planets.

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

In an investigation of the influences of the planets it must be considered that the causation, by which all effects, whether general or particular, are produced and fore-known, is essentially one and the same; for the motions of the planets and of the sun and moon present the operative causation of events which happen to any individual, as well as of those which happen generally; and the fore-knowledge of both may be obtained by the same accurate observation of the distinct natures of the several creatures and substances subjected to the influences of the heavenly bodies, and by due attention to the changes produced in those natures by the configurations displayed in the ambient, by the planetary motion.

You will notice that as each point of the Zodiac rises and sets once every twenty-four hours, occasioned by the diurnal revolution of the earth upon its axis, when any given point is rising, the opposite point must be setting, and as the Zodiac consists of three hundred and sixty degrees, each sign or portion consists of thirty degrees, as it is divided into twelve signs. Each of these signs, when rising at the birth of an individual, possesses a certain influence to produce a particular form of body, and peculiar mental affections. The effect is produced not by the ascending star alone, but by the ambient, that is, the whole face of the heavens at that particular time. Therefore it is essential to have the description of the different natures and form of body produced by the different Zodiacal signs, as well as the planets and fixed stars, and throw their influence for good or evil.

First we take the sign Aries, which produces a disposition combative, angry as the Ram, and at times capricious, with middle stature, thin face, dark hair and complexion.

2. Taurus gives a disposition slow to wrath, patient and enduring, but when angry, violent as the bull; a short well-

set person, full face and thick neck, broad-handed, with dark crisp hair.

3. Gemini produces a good understanding, a powerful imagination, quick and active, a tall, well made body with good carriage, hands long and slender, black hair, hazel eyes and often, when a female, will give birth to twins. This is termed the Twin Sign.

4. Cancer produced a timid person, similar to the crab, and weak in constitution, with middle and short stature, round face, generally lower part of face larger than the upper part, rather pale complexion and small features.

5. Leo, a bold heart, cautious disposition, a firm step and strong countenance, well set body, square shoulders, bushy hair, inclined to curl, large eyes, quick sighted, very ruddy complexion.

6. Virgo gives an ingenious mind, addicted to studious pursuits, whimsical and modest as a virgin, with middle stature, slender figure, neat, well formed, dark hair and complexion, round face and weak voice.

7. Libra, well principled mind and temper, even as the balance is, with tall, well-formed person, rather slender, smooth hair, inclined to be flaxen, round beautiful face, fine complexion, inclined to ruddiness.

8. Scorpio, very thoughtful disposition, active and deceitful as the scorpion, with thick, well set person, robust, broad face, dusky, muddy complexion, dark hair, bushy and plentiful, thick necked.

9. Sagittarius, daring and intrepid, fond of horses, hunting, all games of sport, rather tall, well-formed person, strong body, handsome, clear eyes setting well in head, chestnut colored hair growing off the temples, inclined to baldness.

10. Capricorn gives a very subtle and materialistic mind, but capricious as the goat, short in stature, long face and chin, small neck, black hair, weak in the knees.

11. Aquarius gives a gentle and benevolent disposition, very fond of the water; gives stout, comely person, strong appearance, long, rather fleshy face, clear and delicate complexion, hazel eyes, sandy or

darkish hair; gives more beauty than any of the signs except Libra.

12. Pisces gives erratic disposition, and, in affairs of life, the mind is more used than the body; gives short, middle stature, rather heavy gait, holding down the head when walking; hair inclined to dark, shoulders round. It is a northern, moist, phlegmatic, feminine, common, nocturnal house of Jupiter, and exaltation of Venus. It is also a bicorporeal, double-bodied sign.

However, these descriptions rarely apply exactly, as the disposition relies chiefly upon the Moon and Mercury. Besides, the mind is influenced by every planet which casts an aspect to the Ascendant, and by any planet rising therein, so that if the last three degrees of a sign be on the cusp, or beginning of the first house, part of the next sign must necessarily be in the Ascendant, and the native will partake of both influences. A person, for example,

having the latter part of Sagittarius rising, and the whole of Capricorn in the ascendant, would be influenced chiefly by Capricorn; the countenance and head alone would belong to Sagittarius. Therefore it is quite essential in order to give a correct judgment, to have the correct time of birth, for as each degree of the sign of the Zodiac rises in about four minutes, a difference of a quarter of an hour would make a difference of almost four degrees; and in deciding upon the effects of the heavenly bodies, the difference would be of great importance. It would be sufficient to neutralize the influence of Sagittarius in the example given, and to render the native wholly a Capricorn person.

Thus we find Science the witness of all religions, the natural missionary of faith and knowledge; that it cannot be a thing of chance, but is in every respect, infallibly the result of the nicest calculation, directed by supreme wisdom.

Birth Stones

Written for the Stellar Ray by BENJAMIN WILLIAMS.

At the present time, owing to the confusion arising from the endless controversies of those who know little or nothing of real esoteric law and who are loud in their egotistical assertions in proportion to their lack of knowledge, it is difficult for the earnest student to come to any satisfactory conclusions.

The subject of birth-stones is one that he is likely to put from his mind without a second thought for want of a rational explanation. I must confess that at first sight it seems unreasonable to suppose that a mere stone can possess any power for good or evil when worn by a human being. So it is with all so-called superstition, and the fact is that as they are commonly understood and practiced by the uninitiated, signs, omens, birth-stones and occult matters in general are no more than superstitious rubbish. At the same time there is a vital fundamental principle underlying all

these things, some substance of truth from which they originally sprang and which has subsequently been tortured out of all semblance to reality by the ignorant. This is true of birth-stones.

The talented author of "The Light of Egypt" gives the clearest statement of the properties of talismans I have yet seen. He says in part; "A talisman is a natural object containing the elemental forces of its own degree of life in a state of intense activity and capable of responding to the corresponding quality of life outside itself."

Talismans, I may mention, include birth-stones, but may also consist of other material than stones.

In this brief article I shall make no attempt to cover the ground thoroughly nor to enter the zones of elemental life with their bearing on the subject. My object is to present to the reader a few facts with which he is already familiar and by means

of analogy, give him a firm foundation for his study of occult law. There is no limit to the extent such an investigation may be carried other than that of the energy and intelligence of the student.

Few there are who will deny the existence of some subtle, elusive element in nature uniting us in bonds of sweet sympathy or hurling us asunder in antagonistic confusion, as the case may be. It seems that we are each keyed to a separate pitch and the first thing that impresses us, unconsciously perhaps, on contacting anything is its harmony or discord with ourselves. We express this sensation by saying that we like certain people, certain animals, and certain foods, or the reverse. These likes and dislikes are not the offspring of chance, but when normal are the intuitive perceptions of what are and what are not beneficial. Neither are these sympathetic relations confined to a single realm. Every thing in the universe is receiving and transmitting some grade of force and for that reason must exert an influence on all other things with which it comes in contact. Needless to say, some things are more powerful than others. This is the secret underlying the fact that so many people have health and success in one locality, but utterly fail in another.

It is no startling discovery to learn that certain people are harmonious. Others, for no apparent reason, can hardly bear to be in the same room and this, too, without a bearing on the moral question, for we often like and sympathize with people of none too strict virtue in spite of ourselves.

Violent Antipathy.

We do not stop to wonder that cats hate dogs or that dogs like horses. Some people like cats, some like dogs and some like horses, irrespective of their utility. At the same time other people have a violent antipathy to these animals. I personally know a man who cannot sit still if there is a cat near him, and the story is told of a historical character that he had such a violent disliking to cats that the presence of one made him sick. One day a cat coming into his room, though its presence was unknown to him, caused him to faint.

In the vegetable world we notice that some plants thrive well together. People differ in their choice of flowers. Some are

immune to poisonous vines and may handle them with impunity. Others cannot walk in the woods where they grow without harm.

Our physicians would do well to study this law. A drug that may heal one patient of a disease, when given to another keyed to a different pitch, may produce altogether different results. A knowledge of the vibratory properties of drugs and people is essential to the highest success in the practice of medicine. The mental healer likewise, on reflection, will discern the cause of his many failures. His patient being of an opposite polarity, the healer's magnetism and thoughts could no more contribute strength and harmony than does water when poured on fire. This is not merely a figure of speech. It is the truth that one born with a fiery sign rising on the horizon cannot benefit magnetically one with a watery sign so placed.

All things harmonize in their vibratory natures with one of the twelve signs of the Zodiac. At birth the sign rising on the ascendant of the birth chart determines the exact polarity of the child then born, and he will ever respond and harmonize with those things ruled by that same sign. To a lesser extent he will respond to things ruled by harmonious signs. In selecting a birth-stone one should be selected that is ruled by the rising sign in the native's horoscope.

Why Certain Gems Are Considered Beneficial.

Immediately I have said this, the question will arise in the reader's mind why it is that stones are selected and why it is that certain gems are supposed to be most efficient. I will answer by means of an analogical illustration. Perhaps the example with which all are most familiar is that of magnetic oxide of iron, called the lodestone. Here we have a mineral endowed with the peculiar property of polarizing the universal force and converting it into magnetism. And the most peculiar property of all is that this magnetism affects iron in a manner different from that in which it affects other bodies. It exerts an attraction seen in the physical world. Likewise it is found that the hard crystalline quality of certain gems polarize that grade of force to which they are respectively keyed and are

able to transmit it to human organisms of like key with more effect than do other things.

If you wish a further illustration of the vibratory effects of minerals in the physical world turn your attention to radium. Some scientist made a calculation showing that the energy emitted from a minute quantity of this remarkable substance in a hundred years, if utilized, would be sufficient to draw a train of cars around the world. It has three known rays. One is luminous and visible to the eye. Another is identical with or similar to the X-ray. With a piece of raw pitch blende, the ore in which radium is found, a photograph has been taken through almost a foot of steel. About the third ray very little is known except that it is deleterious to organic life. Experimenters with radium must protect themselves from these rays with lead garments, and even then sometimes suffer from its effects.

A properly selected birthstone acts in unison with the psychic element in man. The subtle vibrations of the stone come in rapport with the individual and a complete circuit is formed between them. This mutually strengthens the vibrations, bring-

ing added life and vigor to the physical organism, a clear mind and a better fortune.

To the psychic a birth stone is an accurate barometer of magnetic conditions, by which he receives timely warnings of misfortune and danger.

In selecting a stone, find one alive, ruled by your rising sign, and it is all the better if it is of the opposite sex. Stones are sexed just as are animals and plants. They may also be alive or dead, just as some magnetic ore may possess little magnetism and some radium ore be of such low activity as to possess little value. A good clairvoyant should be able to determine these points. I will add that the majority of attractive looking stones are alive and only occasionally will one be found dead.

* The purpose of this article is not to furnish new victims for the rapacious greed of the hundreds of fakirs, charlatans and psychic grafters that infest the country. It is written in the hope that it may be a means of correcting the erroneous ideas held by many on a subject that, while of no great importance in itself, embodies an exposition of that great natural law termed Sympathy.

The Chemistry of Astrology

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By DR. GEORGE CAREY.

There are "Times and Seasons." The revolution of the Zodiac, an illusion produced by the revolution of Earth, and the ever-varying pathway of Moon and planets cause angles or influences which impinge upon the Earth's aura (the envelope of aerial substance that enfolds Earth), and sets in motion the electrons that run the dynamos of our world, or whirl. The electrons, or molecules, atoms, are the letters that spell the Eternal Word, "The Heavens declare the glory of God," or Energy.

"Day unto day uttereth Speech."

"There is no voice where their language is not heard."

Thus we see that the astrologers of old

knew that Earth was one of the Heavenly Worlds (whirls, or planets), and that the language of the Cosmos was heard in the Speech of man.

Capricorn means goat; and goat traced to its root means God. In fact all words traced to their primal source mean God, yod, IOD. Iod is the unpronounceable Name—the Word from which all things proceed.

The industrial world, the trades unions, the railroads and great manufactories, and trusts, are represented by Capricorn, and ruled by Saturn or Chronus, the slow and powerful god with "feet of wool" and a halo of ineffable light encircling its re-

splendent sphere. One of the component parts of the "Philosopher's Stone" is known as phosphate of lime (known by a score of names in alchemical writings), which is the chief bone-builder. Bone tissue is fifty-seven parts lime phosphate. As the great industries are the foundation of society, the State, so is bone the foundation, *Stone*, of the flesh man. A deficiency of laborers in the industrial World cause the decay of Civilization. A deficiency of the phosphate of lime causes necrosis (decay) of bone structure and disease of the whole body.

Those born in the Sign Capricorn are more liable to lack their birth salt than those born in other Signs.

The phosphate of lime should be triturated with sugar of milk up to the 3d X in order to be fine enough to be taken up by the mucus membrane absorbents and thus carried into the blood.

The 3d X corresponds with the solution of this bone salt in vegetables, fruits, nuts, etc.

Chemistry is the result of Stellar rays or angles (angels).

Pasadena, Cal.

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The Scientist.

BY L. E. JOHNDRO.

The potent laws of Nature work her will;
A mother's moan, babe's cry, dispel the still,
And, while the stars course their celestial
ring,

A soul comes down to earth a-questioning.
Scarce learns to toddle or to say "Ah-goo!"
Ere nebulous doubts ask whence and whither?
Who?

What, when, and how? And all because
A scientist is born, whose life is laws.
Not love and faith, but years of thankless
grind

That stifle self for that impersonal mind
Which looks on life without a fear or joy.
Who says that he could e'er have been a
boy?

Carefree and sportive and ne'er weighted he,
By that grim hand Responsibility?
Engendered by grave reason and the doubt
That Ignorance could serve his fellows out.
No, Life placed in the cradle of the sage
The clay of childhood but the mind of age;
And bids it carry on some message true

Of heaven-worn truths—by man oft termed
the new.

This Son of Nature, and oft friend of few,
Alone he journeys till his days are through;
Not for today, but for tomorrow's morn.
Dreamer! shout the mob, with heartless
scorn.

The ego humbled, in his eye no tears;
His price of knowledge is the scorn of
years:

He pays it calmly and puts heart behind,
As tribute to his worship of the mind.
Goes forth to wrestle elements, unlocks
The hidden beauty of the coarsest rocks;
From glass-domed towers views the distant
stars,

Feels silent kinship to the nearby Mars;
Wanders the field, the jungle, and the sea,
All unashamed to face his ancestry;
Grows older through his thoughts—gives
self no heed,
Sees, shadow-like, his long sought goals
recede;

Unanswered riddles youth fell on in glee,
Now trail off in shrouded mystery,
Till grim despair, and, crueler far, the doubt
Creeps in to oust his high aims rudely out,
And leave him broken near the journey's
end,

With neither well found certainty nor
friend.

Though red this wound that rankles in his
breast,
He beats back passion, and he beats back
rest,

Toils on, God knows what for, scarce he,
Save toil stems questioning misery
And fills the days with cold, impersonal
thoughts

And cheerless tasks of answers vainly
sough;

Now groping in the darkness of the night,
Now scanning what has stood the radiant
light.

In silence treads his days, his life apart;
Few know the history of his pulsing heart,
Whose vague, chaotic yearnings ne'er ap-
peased

Cold reason's ray o'er all he sees.
Weary and grey, he knocks at truth's un-
earthed—

"Proof" he cries, but none may slack his
thirst;

Across the desert of his manhood's years

He hungers, starves, and then rests with
the seers.

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In some dim attic where the rats abound,
This sculptor of Tomorrow oft is found,
His features wan, yet restful in the peace
That questioning in life could not release.
Where gone the thoughts, since hereby lie
the husk

That starved? Look, yonder lies a crust!
Are they, too, dead from thirst unsatisfied?
By mocking Nature's secretness denied?
Call they still, "Proof!" throughout the
stellar ring,

Or, too, find peace in faith unquestioning?

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Were You Born in the Sign Sagittarius?

If you were born between the 22nd of
November and the 20th of December the

sun was in the Sign Sagittarius. The mentality born under this sign generally has the desire, power and directiveness necessary to defend itself, to care for others and to accumulate wealth; is cautious, brave, prepares for emergencies in personal and public interest. They are people of fine build, kindly disposition and possess qualifications to fulfill the duties of life. They are fond of outdoor sports, although they frequently possess a nervous dread of the water. They are restless in mind and body; enthusiastic, honest and sincere in opinions, showing generous judicial, impartial nature, original in their work. The sun in Sagittarius is good for health and birth of sons, traveling, voyaging and changing of residence. It strengthens intuition and may exist with genius.

Contributions

"When in Rome Do as the Romans."

BY L. W. BILLINGSLEY.

In nothing are people so indolent as in the labor of independent thinking. We have heard persons with seeming pride say in substance, "Well, the religion of my father and mother is good enough for me. They could live and die in peace, so I'll not take any chances on new beliefs and vision-ary theories." Thus molded in belief, such persons on religion, are as docile as a frog. Father and mother may have been very good people, but had many limitations in knowledge and mental attainments, with a very narrow point of view. But "the world do move"—though Uncle Rastus says "it am flat and sots still." No one can become physically strong, who subsists altogether on spoon victuals and hash, and lifts feather pillows to develop muscle. Yet we find plenty of people feeding on mental food ladled out by others, because it is so easily digested—and requires so little mental labor. Social standing and success in business prompt many people to adopt the pre-

vailing opinions and customs about them. "When in Rome do as the Romans"—is their utility maxim.

To think out the controlling problems of life, requires unusual patience, courage and energy. Those who run counter to prevailing beliefs, are criticized, belittled, and often ostracized. A great portion of society, reminds one of sheep, in following bell wethers.

The world's progress was made possible by the martyrs of independent thought. Those grand souls by delving into science in peaceful ways, relegated miracles, special providence, luck and accident, to the kindergarten of fable, and demonstrated the ceaseless reign of law everywhere.

No country is at its best without the air of criticism. Dr. Andrew White in his great work "Warfare of Science"—referring to the service rendered by "The Higher Criticism"—says: "An even more important service to the new and better growth of Christianity, was the virtual setting aside of the last twelve verses of the gospel according to St. Mark; for among those stood that

sentence which has cost the world more innocent blood than any other—the words 'He that believeth not shall be damned'—*** Darwin changed the whole aspect of Creation myths; Lyell and his compeers placed the Hebrew story of creation and the deluge of Noah among legends; Copernicus put an end to the standing still of the sun for Joshua; Halley in promulgating the law of comets, put an end of 'signs and wonders.' Rev. Schaff and a multitude of recent Christian travelers in Palestine have put into the realm of legend the story of Lot's wife transformed into a pillar of salt; that the anthropologists, by showing how man has risen everywhere from low and brutal beginnings, have destroyed the whole theological theory of 'the fall of man.'"

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The Bondsman and the Master.

BY WINNOGENE SAVAGE.

Bounded by circumstance, surrounded by limitations, swayed by passions and buffeted by environment, yet unaware of his utter slavery, the unawakened soul strives and battles with adversity, suffers each loss with a pitiful "God's will be done," and at last sinks wearily into that profound sleep from which he never rouses in the physical expression.

Heredity has perchance been kind, or maybe she has placed upon his unawakened nature the weight of a dreaded tendency to action he could never sanction. The stars, perhaps, decree his poverty and physical detention while he meekly bears and suffers. Morning light reveals no victory won, no foe defeated and no new hope taken.

A loved one passes to the larger life, and sorrow bows the sapling almost to the breaking, yet he struggles on, because there is no other way save death, and that he sees with terror.

How like the child whose darkness has its dragons, its pixies, its ghosts and phantoms till he cries aloud, and then the mother holds his hand a while till sleep o'comes his frightened sense, and he rests in dream-land. Thus the bondsman in his strifes and struggles cries out in the darkness, and yet he does not know the Father Mother heart

is beating at his side, that a loving care enfolds him.

The Master Soul stands firm, undaunted through the storm and stress, his eyes fixed on the goal to gain, his brow serene with confidence—he knows *The Path*. There is no night so dark that he could ever murmur, no way too steep to follow and no obstacle detains him. Circumstance he uses for a round in his ladder; limitations are but mirrors where he sees a world reflected. His environment he makes, by conscious willing, for the subtle forces of the universe await his every bidding. And if adversity approaches he awaits the guest with friendliness, assured that fortune follows losses. Heredity? Nay, that is but a weakness for his strength to overcome.

The voices of the stars that, withholding, are answered by still more bestowing, and their mild decrees are guidestones to attainment and self knowledge. The hours of sorrow bring a larger knowledge and a new glory for the morning. His companion passes from him yet he ever feels her presence for he knows life is a unit and his life is set to prove it.

Master he is thru storm and stress
Dwelling in Heaven's quietness;
Always serene since God is here,
Love is his mastery of Fear.
Out of the darkness he has come
Into the Fullness of the One;
Into the music all around
He hears the Voice of God profound.
Master he is whate'er befall,
Who is at-one-ment with the All.

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A Psalm of Gladness.

O heart, thou art glad, glad, for the sunshine with its warmth and brightness, glad for the shadows with their cool and refreshing depths, glad for the gentle breeze, glad for the song of birds, glad for the sweet perfume of the flowers, glad for the life and activity in every sound of nature, glad for the peace and rest in the quietness of the great still night, glad because the trees and flowers wave and beckon a greeting of peace and love, glad because the stars shine brightly, glad, O heart, that contentment, great and precious blessing also is thine. Contentment, thou

are a jewel more precious than diamonds, or rubies, a gift greatly to be coveted and eagerly sought. Know thou that from this gift spring innumerable blessings, and countless joys.

O, heart, be glad; O, soul, rejoice; send forth vibrations of joy and gladness over all the earth. Be glad that high over thee the Omnipotent Spirit rules, and reigns, close beside thee the Omniscient Spirit guides and guards, while most precious of all, ever present, softly seeking to enter, the Divine Spirit of infinite love enfolds thee with peace and power.

O, heart, give praise; O, soul, sing aloud, for the divine privilege conferred upon thee, the marvelous privilege of life.

—Estella Buhlinger.

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Message from the Invisible.

Since coming into the Higher Thought through the open door of science as taught by Jesus, and through seeking to understand and do the works he did in way of, "rational and scientific mind healing," it has been my good fortune of late years to frequently, although unseekingly, hold open and audible communion in the sunshine and silence of my study, or out under the trees in the parks, or in the mountains, with those of the unseen.

This power has seemingly evolved from the spiritual consciousness attained from years of study of the works of Jesus in connection with what we term Christian Science or New Thought.

Not long since, while meditating on the omnipresence, I heard a voice distinctly say "This is children's day with the Father." "What do you mean by *that*?" I quickly asked. "It is a day of glory to God in the Highest, from the lips of infancy, swelling, bubbling, bursting, rippling with the Father's love. Thousands and thousands of little hands are reaching out and up. They are taken in the arms of Infinite Love, in the arms of Christ and cradled and unfolded into greater peace and wisdom. Do you of earth wonder at Children's Day here? We want you to feel that it is *Home*, in the *Spirit*; and yet we are as tangible as you. We eat of the heavenly manna. We drink from the waters of Eternal Life. We bask in the presence of the Father. Do you understand?

"What do you mean by the Father?" I asked. "The Father is the Universal Presence, Spirit, Divine Love." Do you ever see the personal Jesus?" "Often. Jesus is in the valley, on the mountaintops, in the swaying pines, in the bubbling waters, in the ocean, and in the blade of grass; in all the blossoms and in their sweet perfume." "I mean the *personal* Jesus." "Yes, I know what you mean. Jesus is a *Universal* Soul. Can you comprehend the meaning of the word universal? *Everywhere, ever present*; feeding His children in Wisdom, Truth and Love. It is hard for the children of earth to grasp these universal truths, but when you reach the highest pinnacle of thought, the sinless, selfless, life, then you will become Universal. You will be *Perfect Love*. *This Love* is the *Omnipresence*. O, how wonderful to burst into the Spirit life! There you reach out and drink in and grasp all that is pure. Drink, drink, ye children of earth. All sources are open to you. Work, consciously work, for the upliftment of souls. These truths are not for a *few*, but for all the *hungering, thirsting* ones of earth who reach out to grasp the thought of *spirit*.

But I have lingered long with you this morning. When it is given with such freedom and vibrations of joy, happy are we. Harmony and peace and a desire for the highest make the right conditions for free expression from the unseen side of life. Adieu."

M. EVALYN DAVIS.

Author of "Revelations of the Life Beautiful."

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The Most Important Act of Life.

The act by which the body gets oxygen—that is to say, the act of breathing—is the most important physical act of our lives. And yet in an extended investigation, which included the special examination of several thousand people, I found less than one per cent who breathed properly.

When you take the case of an indoor worker, bending for eight or ten hours or even longer over a desk or work bench, such a person on getting into the open air should take special measures to get

into the lungs an extra supply of the cleansing and nourishing air food.

THE MORE WE BREATHE.

The more we breathe the more we live. From the mouse, which breathes one hundred and sixty times a minute, to the elephant, which breathes six times a minute, all through nature one rule holds good, the larger and stronger the animal the more slowly and deeply it breathes. The more oxygen it gets the more powerful it is. The ant is, in proportion to its weight, a hundred times as strong as the elephant, and uses up about twenty times as much oxygen. The ant, like all insects, is very strong, being able to sustain two thousand times the weight of its own body. And all insects are deep breathers, especially the

hard workers, like ants and bees.—W. R. C. Latson, M. D., *Health Culture*.

Mother Love.

There are loves in this earth that are mighty,
There are those that are pure undefiled,
But the one for heights and grandeur
Is the mother's love for her child.
It extends from the dawn of creation
To the uttermost heights above;
It fears neither pain or suffering,
It knows only beauty and love,
It burns with a fire unquenchable,
With purity and truth all divine;
It lives and loves through all ages,
Eternal, supreme and sublime.
—Estella Buhlinger.

Psychic Research

The following incidents are extracts from the report of the American Psychical Research Society. Vol. III. No. 8, pages 491 to 494.

All communications to the Society of Psychical Research should be addressed to Dr. James H. Hyslop, 519 West 149th street, New York City.

The following incidents are experiences in the life of a gentleman in the business world. My attention was called to him by an account of an experience published by some correspondent in the *Grand Magazine* for August, 1906. Communication with Mr. K. led to the recording of other and later incidents which follow the one that we quote from the *Grand Magazine*.

I have made the personal acquaintance of Mr. K. since learning of his experiences and can testify that he is an intelligent man, as his writing might well indicate. He has been interested, as his letter shows, in psychic phenomena for a long time. The later experiences here quoted are corroborated by the testimony of others. Some of them seem to be premonitory and others are possibly telepathic. But it does not matter how we classify them if we have reason to consider their possibly coincidental character. They do not suggest their cause in the contents and hence will serve only as examples

of incidents which later may have a collective importance.

I quote the account in the *Grand Magazine* because Mr. K. vouched for its truth in a later communication and because it represents an experience as credible as the other which are corroborated. It offers no specific clue to the explanation. Neither do the others, though the possible premonition associated with the death of a relative's child might suggest what source we should seek in an explanation. But this is secondary to the ascertaining of the facts.—James H. Hyslop.

The following incident is from the *Grand Magazine*, and as indicated above, is certified by Mr. K. himself, though here reported by a second party. The type is apparent to psychic researchers. Mr. K., instead of leaving us to copy it, with the editorial remarks, has written out the account for us from his own copy, and it varies in no detail or expression from the printed article,

except in a few unimportant words here and there merely affecting rhetorical or grammatical structure of the sentence.

May 24, 1906.

To the Editor "Strand Magazine,"
No. 8 South Hampton Street,
London, England:

Dear Sir: I have just finished reading, with much interest, the article entitled, "Phantasms" in your June number, and would say that I have for a long time, in fact I might say, always been deeply interested in this subject.

In addition for the last year or so, I have been gifted with the power of seeing things that are at least invisible to the average human being. While I have not seen anything in the way of a ghost or spirit of people who have passed out of this life, I am constantly seeing scenes and also people from this life, and give you herewith a few instances.

First—On August 28th, 1905, I received a letter from a Mr. H., requesting that I meet him in New York on August 31st, at 9:30 a. m., at the D. G. & T.'s place of business. I left Philadelphia on the 7:00 a. m. train on August 31st to keep this engagement. Before boarding the train, I bought the morning paper, which I read until we passed Trenton, and then being through with the paper, I leaned back in my seat and let my mind drift.

Suddenly I seemed to be sitting in a room facing a door which was open, allowing me to see into the next room. The sun was shining, or rather I could see the reflection of the sun, the next room being lit up by the reflection. Through this door a tall man entered; he was wearing a brown derby hat. This vision I saw as distinctly and as clearly as I have ever seen anything in ordinary life. At the time, I did not know what to make of it, as I did not recognize any portion of this scene.

On arriving in New York, not knowing where D. G. & T.'s office was, I asked a police officer to direct me. His instructions not being sufficiently clear, I stepped into a cigar store for more information. I give you this to show that I certainly did not know anything about the place. I had very little difficulty, however, in finding the place. On entering the office of D. G. & T., I asked if Mr. H. was in, and I was asked if I was the gentleman that Mr. H.

expected, and if so, that he had not yet arrived, but that they expected him almost any moment, and asked me to take a seat and make myself at home, which I did. In sitting down I faced the room through which I had entered, and immediately recognized the place as the one which I had seen on the train. The sun, however, was not shining. I waited patiently, and after a short time, the sun came out from under a cloud illuminating the next room, as I had seen it in the vision. As soon as this happened, I heard footsteps, and the gentleman with the brown derby hat appeared, came forward and shook hands with me, mistaking me for some one else. This all happened in less than two hours from the time I saw the vision.

Second—Another case which happened early in February of this year. While sitting at home after supper, I suddenly found myself in my place of business. I was standing near the front door. In front of me, leaning on the back of a roll top desk, with his back to the door, stood an elderly gentleman, tall, grey hair, and in his shirt sleeves. I stood facing him at a distance of probably three or four feet. A little behind me and on my left was another gentleman. I could not place the elderly gentleman in the shirt sleeves, but I was positive that I knew him. As the vision did not last long I was unable to place him. The gentleman to my left I did not seem to bother with any more than that I knew some one was there. I reported this immediately to my wife, and the next morning reported it in the office to at least three people, stating in addition, that it must come to pass today. About 1 o'clock I accidentally stood in the position as mentioned above; I was talking to a gentleman who had been in the office all morning, and while doing so, a gentleman passed by the front door. Immediately on seeing him, I called to all present, "Here he comes," as I instantly recognized the man as the one I had seen the night before. The man himself had no intention of coming to see me, but knowing me and seeing me standing near the front door, stepped in. He stood leaning on the roll top desk, talking to me, and all the while, I wondered about the shirt sleeves. After a while, he complained of the heat in the store, and not only removed his overcoat, but also his regular coat, and then he went back to his orig-

inal position in his shirt sleeves, this action carrying out the vision completely.

Third—A few days ago about a quarter past six o'clock in the evening, I had just finished supper, when I suddenly saw before me a young lady in a white dress, wearing a black coat, but without a hat. I felt positive that I would see her that evening, but other than that paid no attention to it.

Inside of an hour and a half, a number of visitors arrived at the house, and she was among them, and was dressed as I had seen her in the vision.

I learned on making inquiry that at the time I saw her, she did not know she was coming to my house. She came by accident. She boards with a family in my neighborhood, and the head of this family had intended calling on me regarding some trifling matter. After supper, and after I had seen the vision, he suggested to his family that they accompany him to my house, and of course, included the young lady. She states that she did not know until five minutes before she came that she was coming.

These things are constantly occurring, and I might add that when I see these visions or whatever they may be, when I am wide awake, as I was in the above mentioned cases, I know positively that they

will occur; they have never yet failed, but I am unable to tell how soon they will happen, I can only guess at the time. In a general way, the nearer the person or vision is to me, the sooner it actually occurs.

In addition to the above mentioned cases, I have seen any number of others, in fact, I am constantly seeing them, and lately have but to sit down and become passive, when they seem to come of their own accord.

I might also mention in addition to this, I am constantly experiencing a still stranger phenomena, which if you are interested in, I could write you about another time.

Yours very truly, J. K.

An Acrostic.

Here we meet this faithful seven,
Each one earnest and sincere,
Nobly seeking light and wisdom,
Rest assured that friends are near;
Yet when dark clouds hover o'er you,

Call your thoughts to earthly cares,

Hear the voice of loved ones calling,
Our bright home to come and share.
Drink thy fill of truth and wisdom,
Give out thoughts both pure and true,
Each one seeking life immortal,
Surely this will encourage you.—*Clytina*.

Department of Physical Sciences and Unfoldment

By J. C. F. GRUMBINE, B. D., 1890 Beacon Street, Brookline, Mass.

False standards of living and of business dealings lead many to think that when money is charged for books and magazines, or teachings on New Thought, and spiritual ministrations or on the unfoldment of one's supernormal powers, it is a very mercenary and material proposition. Jesus settled that side of the question long ago when he said that the workman is worthy of his hire. How few appreciate the broad mindedness of this great Jewish teacher. Distrust is, alas, so common in the world, largely because so many men and women are themselves distrustful and deceivers; that they are apt to prejudice everyone by their own standards. Why should the commercial life, the life for

money only, which so many are living, furnish the basis of judgment of the work and teachings of spiritually-minded men or women? And yet it does. These things the worldly-minded say should be free. Are Bibles free, because the spirit goeth wherever it listeth? Is there not paper and ink, and transportation and a hundred other items of expense which enter into the cost of the manufacture and sale of a Bible that compels the seer or publisher to ask a nominal fee for it?

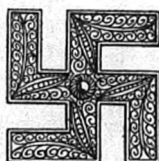
Now this spirit in many men prevents them from unfolding, because they expect to measure spiritual results by material expenditure of money, rather than by consecration, self-sacrifice, trust and humility.

You never can place the spiritual work or life on a moneyed basis, and yet when a person spends money for any spiritual help, he must not expect that there is any magical means by which he is going to be elevated into heaven or made a great medium, or an expert in supernormal powers without doing a few things on his part. He must put into practice what he is taught to do, and in doing so, he will reap the harvest of his labor, and then he will know what his money has purchased for him, and not before. To develop spiritually or psychically is to place Mammon under one's feet and exalt spirit, and the reason why so few attain to any great wisdom and unfoldment in spirit is because they are unwilling to pay the price both in a material and spiritual sense. You cannot get figs from thistles. A good tree brings forth good fruit. These sayings are so trite that

they need repetition or one is apt to think that money can do everything. What has Harriman gained by his millions—if his future life could be seen or known now as his past life is known? His money is here, and he is as and where we all shall be, face to face with our true character. Millions do not benefit dead men.

Teachers cannot live without money, and the small charges that they ask for their expert counsel ought not to be a matter of question. Give all of our teachers and workers the best of your thought and support. Do not deny them material support, and be brave enough when you say that their healing or their teaching is worth ten times what they ask, to send them a check for that amount or never make the statement. All this is a hint to those who are hesitating about transmuting the material into the spiritual.

The Swastika For Success



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December affirmation: "Wisdom Shall Guide me."

Is not this the best thought we could hold through the last month of 1909? What a fine preparation for beginning the new year aright!

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Member No. 1135 wishes to correspond with others born under Aquarius. We will send him addresses of all who write us.

One of our members who is an invalid wishes to join the League and cannot get

out to solicit subscriptions. If fifty of our readers will send her subscriptions for some magazine by Christmas, we will do the rest. She is a girl of lovely character and will appreciate your help and it will provide for her a home or support in old age and may be the means of restoring her to health. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, we all want to do a kind act. We will be first. Send that and all other communications to the club, Manassas, Va., and not to the Stellar Ray.

The Swastika Success Club was started three years ago by a few SUCCESS SEEKERS in several states, who wished to help each other through telepathy and mental force. We formed some such plans as the League has but will now leave them that part. The club is entirely mental, without officers or business or rules. The only requirement is to be a SUCCESS SEEKER and show you are in earnest by sending \$1.00 to help meet the expenses of the club, or three NEW subscribers for The Stellar Ray, or \$4.00 in subscriptions to any magazines. We also give Life Membership to all who send us their application for mem-

bership to the A. W. League

If you are a SUCCESS SEEKER and wish to unite with us, do not write for particulars, but send any of the above and be enrolled at once and get your Swastika badge to wear for GOOD LUCK. This badge reminds us to look for success. The club helps its members to attain the right mental attitude to attract success. Many have been helped by it. One lady said: "Before I joined the club I never had money for anything I wanted. Since then I have never really needed a dollar that did not come to me in time." She has been very successful. She spends her money freely and gets more than when she tried to hold on to every dollar.

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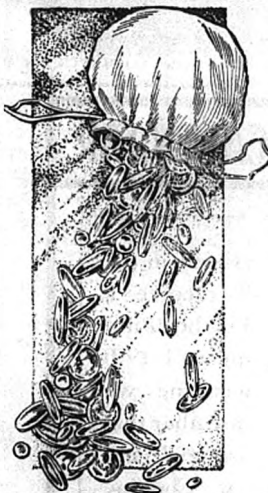
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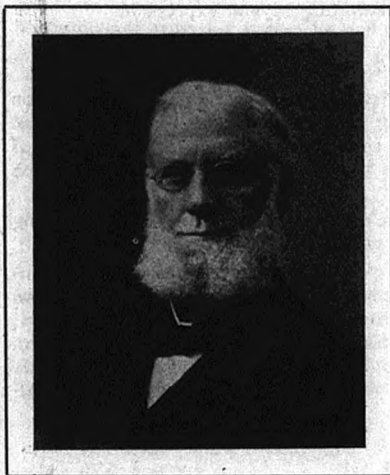
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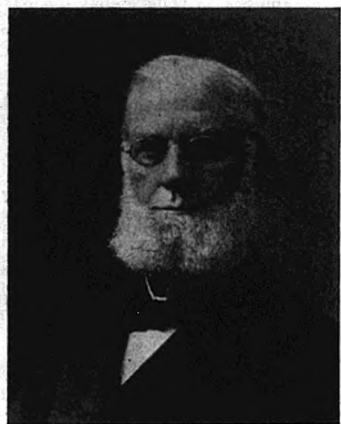
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